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Voice, Brotherhood Greet Blue Star Mothers' Group

BOTH Native Brotherhood president Robert Clifton and Native Voice publisher Maisie Hurley have wired Col. Ted Davis (Silent Dawn) to convey congratulations to the Blue Star Mothers of America for the fine work the organization is doing.

"We wish to extend to the Blue Star Mothers of America the sincere appreciation of the Native Brotherhood of B.C. executive and myself for the wonderful work being done by them for the Indians of North America," Robert Clifton said in his telegram.

Similar sentiments were expressed by The Native Voice publisher who expressed "best wishes and thanks" for the outstanding efforts of Col. Ted Davis and this group of American mothers.

The national convention was held from October 27 to 31 in Des Moines, Iowa.

Canadian Indian Wins Top Council Fire Award

FOR the first time in its history, the Indian Achievement Award given annually by the Indian Council Fire has been given to a Canadian Indian.

Dr. Gilbert C. Monture, a Mohawk and descendant of the famous chief Joseph Brant, received the Award on Friday, September 27 at the presentation dinner held in Chicago.

Even though Dr. Monture was born on the Six Nations Reserve in Canada, the Mohawks were a powerful tribe in the Iroquois Confederacy which stretched across New York State. They removed to Canada after the Revolution, in which they played a highly important role as they did also in the War of 1812. The Iroquois were known as the "Roman statesmen of the New World." It was they who kept the French out of the northeast states, and who later saved Canada for the English. Much of our own constitution was patterned after the Iroquois form of government.

Dr. Monture has given service that is world-wide in scope. Since 1923, he has been with the Canadian Department of Mines of which he became Chief of the Mineral Resources Division. He was the first adviser of mining policy ever to be made a member of the Bank Rescue Missions for aiding depressed areas around the globe.

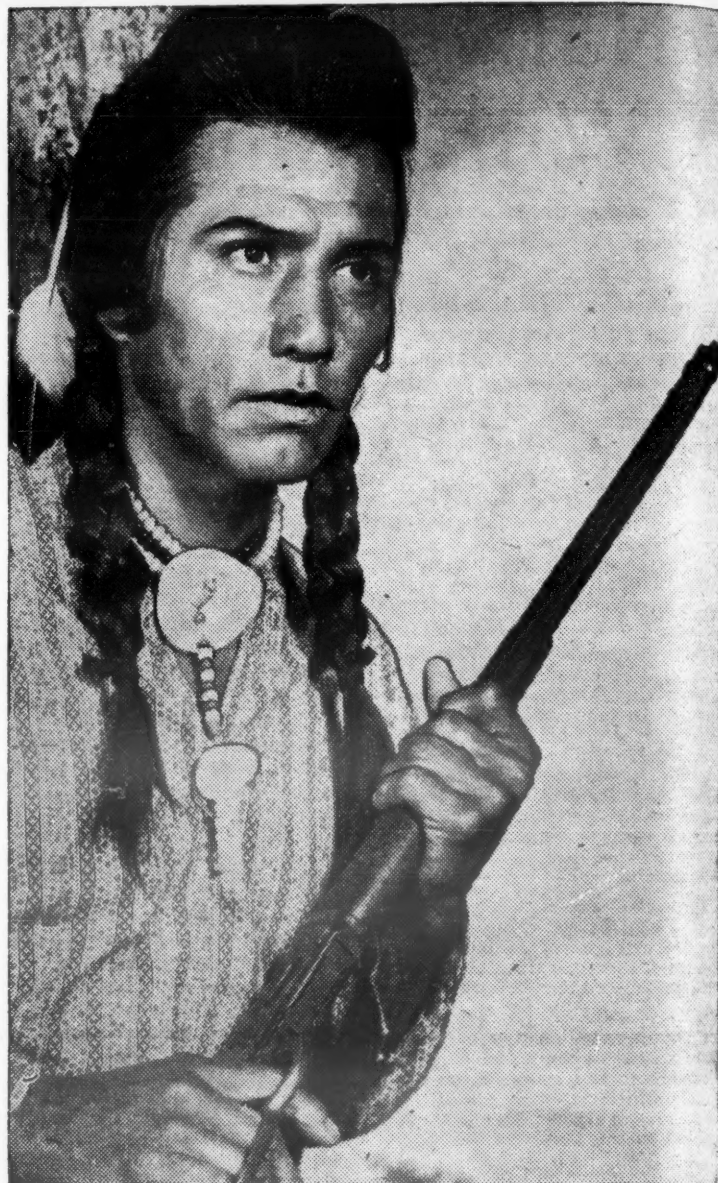
A world expert on tin production, Dr. Monture is now vice-president of a Canadian mining and development company. During World War II, he was executive officer of the combined production and resources board in Washington, representing Canada in the allocation of strategic materials.

Before entering government service, Dr. Monture taught school on his home reserve. He graduated from Queen's University but his own schooling was obtained with much struggle and hardship. He has received a number of honorary degrees, among them the O.B.E. awarded by the King of England. He has also been honored by many governments. A short time ago he received special recognition in the Malayan Parliament, the first time such action was ever given to a foreigner by the government of Malaya.

Dr. Monture's name is now being considered, along with other leading figures, as a nominee for the first representative of Canada's 150,000 Natives in the Canadian Senate.

The Achievement Award of the Indian Council Fire was initiated in 1933 at the Chicago Century of Progress. Only two other Mohawks have received the Award. One was Dr. L. Ross Minoka Hill, a physician who served among the Oneida Indians. The other is Louis Bruce, Jr., who is active in youth work.

A previous Award winner was to make the presentation to Dr. Monture. She is Dr. Evelyn Y. Robe, a Sioux, who is now on the faculty of



AS THE KEEN-EYED HERO of the movies, Tonto stands with his rifle ready for his role in *Key Largo*. In real life, he is Mr. Harry Smith, a Mohawk Brave from the Six Nations Reservation near Brantford, Ontario. Tonto's mother has offered 10 acres of land for the erection of a community centre in his honor.

"Worth Saving After All"

I SEE by the papers a happy little story about a 12-year-old Japanese boy who has been selected as the typical Vancouver minor league baseball player and presented with a \$25 membership in the Vancouver Mounties. What makes the story even more delightful is that the small Japanese plays for a team sponsored by the Jewish B'nai B'rith.

I guess the human race is worth saving after all. This small example of good human relations would indicate that it is.

And when British Columbia voters elect the first Chinese ever to sit in the Canadian parliament, and the first Native Indian to be chosen head of a provincial religious body, and also the first Indian who ever sat in a provincial legislature, maybe the crazy mixed-up human race is worth saving after all.

—Mamie Moloney in the Vancouver Sun.

Northwestern University Medical School. Dr. Robe has recently returned from Paris where she was a Fulbright scholar.

Mrs. Ethel Frazier Walker, also a Sioux, presided. Mrs. Walker represents another "first." She is the first woman president that the organization has had since it was founded in 1923.

Guests of honor included: Hon. G. A. Newman, Canadian Consul General; Hon. Glen S. Emmons, Commissioner of Indian Affairs; Dr. Edward Dozier, a Pueblo Indian who is professor of anthropology at Northwestern University and on the Board of Governors of the Association of American Indian Affairs; and Thomas Segundo, a Papago, who is also a previous Award winner. Mr. Segundo is completing graduate studies at the University of Chicago.

West Coast Closure End Requested

Chief Jack Peter of the Al-
gami - Barkley Sound Dis-
trict, a vice-president of the
Native Brotherhood of B.C.,
presented Federal Minister of
Fisheries J. Angus MacLean
with a petition from the west
coast people during the recent
banquet at Cape Mudge in
honor of the minister, urging
that the October 31 to April 15
closure of fishing on the west
coast be lifted.

The petition, backed by west
coast of Vancouver Island Natives,
states that the petition was sent
to Federal Chief Supervisor of
Fisheries A. J. Whitmore last May
about favorable action but asks
the new minister take action.

Following is the text of the pe-
tition:

1. Closure: We are strictly
opposed to the closing of the
fishing season from October 31
to April 15. We feel that this
closure is an encroachment on
the aboriginal rights of the Na-
tive Indians of the West Coast
of Vancouver Island, British Co-
lumbia, whose livelihood is
mainly derived from commercial
fishing. We feel that this close-
ure would only add unnecessary
hardship on the Indians in that
they cannot easily find other
means of employment during
this time.

2. We honestly feel that un-
favorable fishing conditions be-
cause of bad weather curtails
income enough without add-
ing a closure.

3. We feel that resorting to
the 26-inch measurement would
lead to a great wastage in fish
and therefore one of most valu-
able resources may needlessly
be depleted, in that smaller fish
would have a poor chance of sur-
vival if after being caught they
are measured, found too short
and then released. We would
strongly urge that the present
regulations on 3-lb. fish be main-
tained.

4. In conclusion, since we are
the first fishermen on this Coast
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these regards deserve prime
consideration by your Depart-
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Tecumseh and the War of 1812

Tecumseh and Proctor had secured a small gig and had driven ahead to examine the proposed route. It was then that they decided to make a stand where McGregor's Creek joins the Thames. The Chief had expressed his approval of this location, remarking that the junction of the two streams reminded him of the

site of Prophetstown on the Tippecanoe.

So many of the Indians had deserted that Tecumseh was anxious to make a stand before their ranks should be still further depleted. By this time their number had been reduced almost one-half. Chief Miere (Walk-in-the-Water) with 60 Wyandottes had

turned back to meet the Americans with the sign of peace and had asked permission to fight with them. Chief Roundhead with his band of Wyandottes, was also threatening to return to Brownstown.

The following has been written by Ferdinand Tupper Brock in extenuation of Proctor's conduct: "... General Proctor broke from his position and slowly retired to an advantageous spot near the mouth of the Thames, where he determined to make a temporary stand. But while the General, on finding that the enemy did not advance, had left the troops in position, to examine with his principal engineer the heights near the Moraviantown village, at some distance in the rear, which he intended to fortify and occupy during the winter, the officer next in command withdrew the troops from their strong post, without orders, even before the appearance of the Americans; and thus caused the loss of the boats, containing the remnant of the stores and artillery with a guard, which could not ascend higher up the river from the nature of the navigation."

The bateaux and boats where were of sufficiently light draft having already arrived at Chatham, Proctor was planning to escort the women and children to the Moraviantown and place his sick and injured in hospital there.

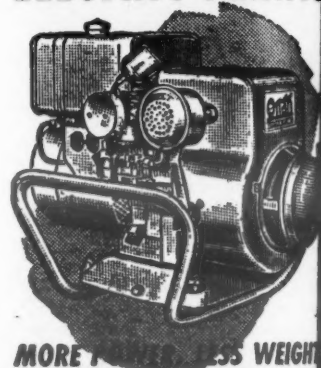
Possibly he intended to return to his troops before the arrival of the Americans. An escort of 200 was sent with the women and

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Ontario Canoe Said To Be 5,000 Years Old

BOND LAKE, Ont.—A dugout canoe which may have been built more than 5,000 years ago was found near the bottom of nearby Haines Lake recently.

The canoe, which was hewn and hacked out of an ancient tree, was discovered by Norman Ritchie of Richmond Hill while he was skin-diving in the small lake, about three miles from here.

Mr. Ritchie and fellow skin diver Eric Galt of Toronto raised the canoe and transported it to the home of Dr. J. Norman Emerson, archeologist at the University of Toronto, who has a summer home nearby.

Dr. Emerson, who spent several hours examining the canoe, said it is hard to determine when the boat was built, but he suspected it is the handiwork of the Laurentian Indians, a tribe which long ago roamed Southern Ontario and Northern New York State but

which has been extinct for 5,000 years.

He suggested two other periods in which it may have been built—about the year 1200 and the year 1650—but he said the earlier date of 5,000 or more years ago was just as likely, if not more so.

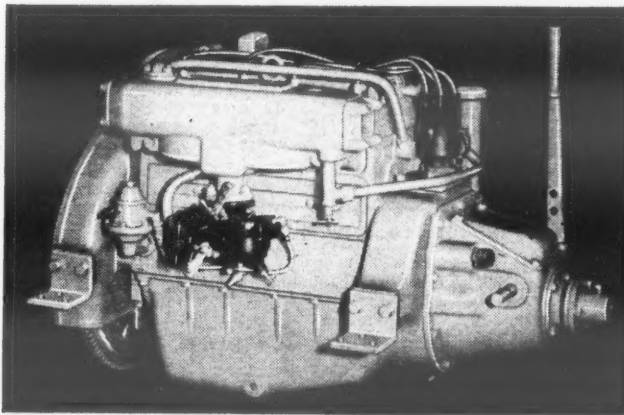
The canoe, half disintegrated, is 18 feet long, with a beam of 1½ feet, and has a depth of about one foot.

"It probably held four or five Indians, plus a mess of fish," Dr. Emerson said.

Dr. Emerson said he immediately discounted the possibility of the canoe having been built by Hurons or Algonquins, two of the oldest Indian inhabitants of this

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Iroquois Personalities

Meet Herb Martin, Lacrosse Stick Maker

By
HOEBE ERSKINE MCKELLAR

LOOKING back on my visit to the Six Nations Reserve, Ontario, this past summer, one of the most vivid personalities that comes to my mind is that of Herb Martin. His sturdy physique, strong hands, neat features, and humorous expression are all a part of his complex character, one who can accept the new way of life and at the same time cherish the old.

Herb Martin is a widower, proud to live in a well-kept house built by his own hands. His second wife is his new Chrysler which he drives with care on the Reserve and rarely ventures farther than Brantford for his weekly shopping and to send away his lacrosse sticks.

Herb Martin is a famous lacrosse stick maker. He is never out of orders and gets a good price for them. He told me he had his sticks all over the States and in Canada as far west as Van-

couver. In his youth he had been an expert lacrosse player. "In those days there were good teams, and we got good money too," he grinned.

Herb Martin has accepted the best of the white man's world in housing and in transportation, but he still adheres to many of the old traditions.

I shall never forget the time when he layed down a lacrosse stick in the making, took up his turtle rattle, and straddling his work-bench, sang one of the old chants, hammering his rattle down on the bench at intervals.

Pleased at my enthusiasm, Herb disappeared upstairs, whispering as he left that he had something to show me.

He returned with two sacks, each containing an old carved wooden 'False-Face.' One was red with a crooked nose and mouth, and I recognized it as 'The Great Defender, the Doctor.' Herb's simple explanation of the old legend as he pointed to the crooked nose and mouth was "Earth hit him." It is the story of the 'Boaster' who thought himself as great as the Creator, until the Creator caused an earthquake and

a mountain hit the Boaster in the face. He repented his folly and as a reward was made the chief curer or Doctor for the Iroquois.

The other mask was black with a dog-like muzzle and human forehead. There is one like it in the National Museum of Canada. Herb says it is Tuscarora. Both these False-Faces have been handed down to him with the curative rites. When Herb Martin is called upon to 'take a feast,' the masks go with him, together with the sacred tobacco.

On my recent visit I did not see the masks. But Herb mysteriously took from a high shelf a little skin bag and carefully unrolled it. To my amazement, two perfect wampum belts of purple and white beads lay on the kitchen table. Treaty belts worthy of our best museum collections.

When he heard that I was returning to the Reserve, he decided to show me these precious heirlooms of the Mohawks. One had two parallel lines of purple running across a white belt.

"Deganaweda Peace Belt," he said. "Two lines show Mohawks and other tribes of Five Nations must travel side by side; must not cross each other." The other belt depicted a figure at either end, one outlined in purple, the other a solid figure. A thin line ran from the hand of one to the other. "White-man and Red-man treaty; long rope shows they don't trust one another," he said with a roguish smile. "If they just

hold hands one might pull the other over."

I mused, "One might pull the other over." Well, Herb Martin is one not to be pulled over. He is an embodiment of The Native Voice slogan: "Keep the best of the old; take the best of the new."

Chief Modeste Represents B.C.

Chief Councillor Elwood Modeste was chosen by the Department of Indian Affairs to represent the Natives of British Columbia in Ottawa in the presentation to Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.

Frist Chief who ruled over the Quamichan Tribe as far as I could gather was Tchemilt, who was a good ruler. He ruled over his people justly, then when he died, his son, Chief Schelton, took over the Chieftainship.

When he died, his son Chief Tchemilt, Jr., was made Chief to take his father's place and when Tchemilt died, Tommy Modeste took over the chieftainship. After the death of Chief Tommy Modeste, the laws of the old chieftain reigns were taken away from us by the authorities of the Indian Department.

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Ontario Canoe

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province, because they made all their craft from birch bark.

He pointed to the many knots and rough edges on the ancient vessel and concluded it could not have been constructed by white men because even in their first days in Ontario they possessed sharp tools, which would have produced much sharper edges than this boat has.

Also, Dr. Emerson noted, the canoe appeared to have been burnt out of a tree. He felt this was further proof that the sharp tools possessed by white men played no part in its construction.

Dr. Emerson, who plans to make further tests to determine the canoe's exact age, said a good professional guess would be that it was built by the long-defunct Laurentian Indians.

This tribe, which used unpolished stone tools, is considered by archaeologists to be the best woodworkers of ancient days.

—(Globe and Mail, submitted by Big White Owl.

COWICHAN CHIEF SAYS

Centennial Festival Planned

A great tribal festival and regatta is being considered by Vancouver Island Indians as their B.C. centennial celebration.

In Vancouver on his way to Ottawa to be presented to Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip as the representative of B.C. Indians, Cowichan chief Elwood Modeste said early in October he was "disgusted" by the lack of interest being shown in the centennial by many Indians.

"It's the celebration of 100 wonderful years of development accomplished by whites and Indians," he said.

Chief Modeste said he and his 10-man tribal council are seeking the views of other Island Indians on the festival and regatta.

"We propose holding it next summer in Cowichan Bay and I feel it will be widely supported."

The tall, dignified 55-year-old chief is not taking full Indian dress with him. "It is too bulky," he smiled.

He will wear a colorful Cowichan sweater knitted by his rela-

tives for the presentation.

"I really think anyway that Queen and the Prince want to see Indians as they are, not as they were," he said.

He would like to see east Indians coming to the centennial "but I'm afraid we cannot afford to invite them."

Tribe Obtains Cash Settlement

LEWISTON, Idaho — The Nez Perce Indians have agreed to a \$2,800,000 compromise settlement from the federal government for loss of their traditional fishing rights at Celilo falls on the Columbia river. The Dalles dam flooded the fishing grounds.

Richard Halfmoon, president of the tribal executive council, said the Nez Perce agreed to the settlement of their \$6,500,000 claim on the advice of attorneys.

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